

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2543–S2592*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1139–1178, S. Res. 156–165, and S. Con. Res. 14. **Pages S2567–68**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves. **Page S2566**

#### Measures Passed:

**Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act:** Senate passed S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received. **Pages S2587–89**

**Silver Star Service Banner Day:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 136, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2015, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2589**

**Cultural and Historic Significance of the Cinco de Mayo Holiday:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, recognizing the cultural and historic significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday. **Page S2589**

**National 9-1-1 Education Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 159, designating April 2015, as "National 9-1-1 Education Month". **Page S2589**

**Public Service Recognition Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their

dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week. **Page S2589**

**Financial Literacy Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, designating April 2015 as "Financial Literacy Month". **Page S2589**

**Alcohol Responsibility Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, supporting the goals and ideals of Alcohol Responsibility Month. **Page S2589**

**Earthquake in Nepal:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, expressing the sense of the Senate on the humanitarian catastrophe caused by the April 25, 2015, earthquake in Nepal. **Page S2589**

**Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, designating April 30, 2015, as Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans. **Page S2589**

**World Malaria Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 165, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day. **Page S2589**

#### Measures Considered:

**Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S2545–49**

Pending:

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2545**

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1179 (to Amendment No. 1140), to require submission of all Persian text included in the agreement. **Page S2545**

Blunt Amendment No. 1155 (to Amendment No. 1140), to extend the requirement for annual Department of Defense reports on the military power of Iran. **Page S2545**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1179), to require an assessment of inadequacies in the international monitoring and

verification system as they relate to a nuclear agreement with Iran. **Page S2545**

Cotton Amendment No. 1197 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1140), of a perfecting nature. **Page S2549**

Cotton (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1198 (to Amendment No. 1197), to require a certification that Iran's leaders have publically accepted Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. **Page S2549**

#### **Veto Messages:**

**National Labor Relations Board Veto Message—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures. **Pages S2549–59**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the veto message to accompany the joint resolution. **Page S2590**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to the United States Congress supporting the underlying objectives of the recommendations from the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (the "Commission"); which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–15)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

22 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
20 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2589–90, S2592**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia Nelson Limerick, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Gayle Smith, of Ohio, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Julie Helene Becker, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Steven M. Wellner, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of

the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Robert A. Salerno, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Todd Sunhwae Kim, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2590.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Francis S. Collins, Director, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Douglas Lowy, Acting Director, National Cancer Institute, Gary Gibbons, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Jon Lorsch, Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and Tom Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.